



February 18, 2014

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The Honorable Katherine B. Forrest
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 15A
New York, NY 10007

Re: *In re Aluminum Warehousing Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 13-md-02481-KBF

Dear Judge Forrest:

As discussed at the February 6 conference, all parties agree that each of three classes should file separate consolidated amended complaints and be represented by separate leadership structures: (1) direct purchasers, (2) indirect commercial end user purchasers, and (3) indirect consumer purchasers. Douglas G. Thompson Jr. of Finkelstein Thompson LLP and Brian Strange of Strange & Carpenter respectfully request appointment as interim co-lead counsel for the proposed class of indirect consumer purchasers.

As represented to the Court at the February 6 conference, the appointment of interim co-lead counsel for the proposed indirect consumer class is unopposed by any party. This has been confirmed as no other party has filed a motion on February 17 to be so appointed. Accordingly, the Court should appoint Finkelstein Thompson LLP and Strange & Carpenter as interim co-lead counsel for the indirect consumer class by entering the (Proposed) Case Management Order No. 2 submitted by proposed interim co-lead counsel for direct purchasers. The proposed case management order was prepared in consultation with proposed interim co-lead counsel for the indirect consumer class, and we agree with its terms.

Proposed interim co-lead counsel for the indirect consumer class satisfy all of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g) requirements for the appointment of lead counsel. See attached Statement of Qualifications of Finkelstein Thompson LLP and Strange & Carpenter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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